

# AUSTRIANS TO CUBA AT WAR JOIN GERMAN SEIZES FOUR IN WAR WITH ENEMY SHIPS THIS COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY

Passports Prepared Yesterday in Vienna and Placed At the Disposal of the Members of the American Embassy

## BULGARIA AND TURKEY TO TAKE LIKE STEP

Action of Viennese Not Unexpected. Formal Notification of Intention To Stand With Ally Having Already Been Delivered

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) LONDON, April 8.—According to reports from Vienna, received via Amsterdam, the Austro-Hungarian government has taken the first step towards breaking off relations diplomatically with America. Yesterday the foreign department at Vienna prepared passports for the members of the American embassy staff and placed them at their disposal. Ambassador Penfield has already left Vienna and is now on his way to the United States.

An Exchange Telegram despatch received from The Hague quotes the representative of that agency at the Austrian capital as stating that Bulgaria and Turkey will also follow the Austrian lead and hand their passports to the American ministers and their staffs at Constantinople and Sofia.

No official confirmation of this action on the part of Austria has been received from the State department at Washington, but the London report of the severance of diplomatic relations may be accepted as correct. Such an action on the part of Austria was expected, President Wilson forecasting it in his address to congress when he called for a declaration of war against Germany.

Officially, Austria has notified the United States that she proposes to stand squarely with Germany in the matter of the unrestricted use of submarines against all shipping in the blocked zones. The receipt of this notification, in response to the request of the United States that Austria declare her attitude, led the President and Secretary Lansing to refuse to receive the new Austrian ambassador, Count Tarnow von Tarnowski, and induced the President to announce before congress that the attitude of this country towards Austria should not be determined pending further evidences of Austrian hostility.

## CONSCRIPTION IS THE ONLY WAY

Secretary Baker Says Compulsory Service Alone Will Provide Adequate Army

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 8.—There is no other feasible way by which the government may raise the army it believes to be essential than through conscription, according to a statement made before the senate committee on military affairs yesterday by Secretary of War Baker.

The secretary appeared before the committee to urge quick action on the Universal Military Service Bill, introduced into the house and senate on Friday. In response to questions as to the advisability of enforcing military service upon the youths of the Nation instead of issuing a call for volunteers, such as has been done at the beginning of every other war in which the United States has taken a part, Secretary Baker stated that in the opinion of the administration conscription is absolutely essential.

The plan of the administration is, he explained, to raise at once an army of a million men, the recruits to be mobilized into camps and given intensive training for a year, at the end of which time they will be ready to take the field as disciplined and trained soldiers.

## CARRANZA ARMY IS CUTTING VILLA OFF

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) JUAREZ, April 7.—Eight Carranza troops are today en route from Chihuahua City to Juarez, with 4000 government troops. They are said to be dispatched in an effort to prevent Villistas from approaching the border from the west of El Paso.

Congress, by Unanimous Vote, Carries Out Desire of President Menocal That State of War With Germany Be Declared

## REFUGEE SHIPS NOW FLY CUBAN COLORS

Tonnage Secured Will Probably Be Used To Release American Bottoms For Whatever Business America May Have

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) HAVANA, Cuba, April 8.—Formal war against Germany was yesterday declared by the Cuban congress, in accordance with the request made upon the Cuban lawmakers on Friday by President Menocal.

Action upon the resolution declaring the existence of a state of war was taken in the Cuban senate yesterday morning, the vote in favor of the resolution being unanimous.

Last night, acting under authority of the action of congress, President Menocal signed an order directing the Cuban naval authorities to seize the four German steamers which have been lying in the Havana harbor since August of 1914, where they had taken refuge from the Entente cruisers.

These are the Bavaria, of 2466 tons; the Adelphi, of 1767 tons; the Kydonia, of 1542 tons, and the Olvanti, of 2456 tons.

The action of President Menocal and the Cuban congress has been taken solely in the desire to cooperate closely with the United States and to prevent Cuba becoming a possible base of anti-American activities.

The four German steamers seized will doubtless be put into the Cuban American trade, thus releasing other shipping for other American business.

## BILLION READY TO LOAN TO ALLIES

Two Billion Without Interest Is Minimum For First Call Announces Officials

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 8.—America's resources are to be thrown open freely to the governments of the Entente Allies, according to the decision reached here by the administration and announced last night.

Not only are the Allies to be allowed to borrow freely in the United States, but they are to be allowed to draw upon this country to the extent of two billions of dollars as a minimum of non-interest bearing bonds.

There is a prospect that the Allied governments will eventually be loaned the huge total of five billions of dollars by the United States, according to the official announcements.

The second day of America's war with Germany found every agency in action on the lines predetermined and awaiting only congressional action to put them in operation.

Congress is now working hard on the new army and finance measures.

## MAIL FOR ENEMY IS REFUSED TRANSMISSION

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 7.—Postmaster General Burleson today suspended all forwarding of mail to Germany. The postoffice has been further instructed to refuse all mail for Austria-Hungary, Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Turkey because such mail must pass through Germany.

## GEORGE AND EMMANUEL CONGRATULATE AMERICA

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Wilson today received telegrams from King George of Britain and King Emmanuel of Italy, congratulating the people of the United States upon the entrance of this country into the war.

## THE FORTY YEAR TEST.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy not only gives relief, it cures. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for Hawaii.

# FIRST TEUTON LIVES SACRIFICED IN WAR BLOWING UP SHIP

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 7.—The converted German cruiser Cormoran, which was interned at Guam, following an eventful voyage in the Pacific from the former German port of Tsingtao, has been sunk by orders of her commander, Captain Zuckewerdt, and in the destruction of the ship the first German lives to be lost in the war with the United States were taken.

Following the declaration of war, instructions were sent to Captain Smith, American Governor of Guam and commander of the Guam naval station, to seize the Cormoran as a prize of war. When called upon to surrender his ship and his men, the German captain refused. The ship was then blown up by her own men, with the loss of probably seven members of the crew.

The official announcement of the navy department says: "The German auxiliary cruiser Cormoran has been blown up by the crew, the vessel sinking immediately. One warrant officer and an enlisted man are dead, and a warrant officer and four enlisted men are missing."

Twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and 331 enlisted men have been taken prisoners.

## CORMORAN HAD ADVENTUROUS TIME

The Cormoran was a crack passenger vessel of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, captured by the Germans early in the war and taken to Tsingtao. When the Japanese and British began to move upon that fortress, the old Cormoran, a sister of the Geier, was scuttled, after her armament and supplies had been removed, and the eight four-inch guns were mounted upon the new Cormoran, the Russian ship, and she put to sea as a raider.

She escaped the Japanese and British squadrons in a series of exceedingly stirring adventures, which were cast in the shade by the happenings of more moment in Europe. At one time she hid in New Guinea, in a crooked inlet, while the British and Australian men-of-war were nearby searching for her. From this place she made her escape at night. At another time she put into Yap only to find a Japanese squadron, from which she escaped in a fog.

Eventually she went to a small island near Guam, and sent thence to Guam a small sailing vessel in charge of Lieutenant von Elpen, to endeavor to communicate with Behn Meyer in Manila to have the Rio Pang (since lost) sent with her. The American naval officer at Guam would not permit the message to be sent, and the sailing vessel was "interned." After a time the Cormoran herself showed up, almost out of coal, only a day ahead of the Japanese squadrons that had been searching for her; and, on orders from Ambassador von Bernstorff in Washington, she chose to intern at Guam. She arrived at Guam December 10, 1914.

During the last two years there have been reports that she would be taken to Manila, Honolulu or San Francisco, both being the case, but she was never released. The American naval officer at Guam was being seized with melancholia and insanity, due to the virtual confinement aboard ship. Some of the men passed through Honolulu on their way to San Francisco for medical treatment. None of these reports came to anything, and the Cormoran remained at Guam.

Capt. Adalbert Zuckewerdt was her commander. In the women's smoking room of the Cormoran was a white enameled piano, decorated with gold, gray carpets and exquisite gray hangings, and the dining plate of the steamer, even after the Germans made her into a cruiser, was embossed with the imperial coat of arms and flag of Russia.

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## BRAZIL MAY JOIN THE WAR MONDAY

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) LONDON, April 7.—It is reported here that there will be a declaration of war on Germany by Brazil next Monday. One of the grievances which Brazil holds in Germany's taking of a German port with seventeen of her crew.

Warning of the presence of the raiders has kept the shipping in port for most of the day, and Uncle Sam's navy vessels are now on the hunt for the Teuton tigers of the sea.

Reports that the German raiders were off American ports were flashed from Newport News, Virginia, and Newport, Rhode Island. From Newport News came word that a raider was outside the Virginia Capes.

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# OTHERS ISLANDS FULL OF RUMORS AND IN THE DARK

Only Through Honolulu Papers, To Reach Hilo and Maui Today, Will Full Facts Be Known

## WIRELESS BLOCKADE HITS HAWAII PRESS

Seizure of German Ship O. J. D. Ahlers Gives Big Island a Very Broad Hint

The suspicion locally entertained that the other islands were still in the dark as regards the declaration of war was fully confirmed yesterday, so far as Hawaii is concerned, by the arrival of the Inter-Island flagship Mauna Kea.

There were rumors of war in Hilo at the time the Mauna Kea left that port—wild and woolly rumors which made the Great Northern rumorologist look like an amateur, and there was apparently a great deal of excitement. But bare facts were at a premium. The censorship was shipped on the wireless service a few minutes before the wireless messages from Honolulu were filed for Hilo on Thursday night, giving the news from Washington.

Hilo had the advantage of other islands and ports inasmuch as she had in her harbor a German refugee ship, the O. J. D. Ahlers which it was necessary to seize. This act required explanation, and even barring some could be construed by the mildly intelligent as an act of war and the Hiloites have been guessing accordingly.

The officers of the Mauna Kea heard of the declaration and of the state of war for the first time yesterday morning upon reaching here. They will take word of it down to Hilo this morning, arriving there about seven o'clock and relieving the suspense and it was their guess yesterday that the only people at the wharf will be the halt and blind. Many received the word of the declaration by the Mauna Kea which left Friday night for Kahului but the Garden Island is still in the dark.

Maui Guessed War. The Maui News, commenting on the sudden order seizing the wireless and drawing veil across the activities of the outside world so far as the Valley Island was concerned, said:

"No commercial messages to be received for transmission after 11:30 a. m. with exception that United States and territorial officials may send messages on government business."

"This was the announcement made a few minutes before noon today by the Lahaina wireless station on instructions from its main office in Honolulu. Earlier in the morning the Maui News was notified that its regular press service had been suspended until further notice, but that private and commercial messages were still being sent. No explanation for the embargo could be obtained.

"It is probable that war against Germany has formally been declared. The senate adopted a resolution to this effect on Wednesday night, and the house was expected to reach a decision on it last night. This was probably done, and the President has doubtless issued a proclamation in accordance with it.

"Why it is deemed necessary to stop all wireless communication between the islands is impossible to imagine. It may have to do with action towards the German refugee ship O. J. D. Ahlers, in Hilo harbor."

## DISLOYAL TALK LED TO ARRESTS

William Robinson and Louis Horch were arrested yesterday morning and held for investigation. Both men were heard to make disparaging remarks about the American flag and the attitude of the United States government in the present crisis, and were placed under arrest by police officers who overheard the remarks. After being detained some hours the men were released by Sheriff Rose and released.

Horch is an American citizen and has served an enlistment in the United States Navy. Both he and Robinson were under the influence of liquor. Sheriff Rose yesterday issued orders to his men promptly to arrest any individual heard speaking slightly of the United States government or of the American flag.

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# KAISER SUBMITS ELECTORAL REFORM TO PRUSSIAN DIET

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) AMSTERDAM, April 8.—The Kaiser has given orders to his imperial chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg, to submit proposals for reforms in the Prussian electoral system to the Prussian diet, these proposed reforms to become operative as soon as peacetime conditions have been restored throughout Germany.

The proposals to the Kaiser shadow reforms in the upper Prussian diet, where a recent demand was made by some of the deputies that the governmental system be so altered as to make the government responsible to the majority of members and so as to give the deputies a greater share of the voice in international affairs.

# CENSORSHIP PUTS LOCAL SHIPPING BUSINESS IN BAD

No Wireless Permitted From Ships and Time of Arrivals Unknown

The local shipping business took a step ten years backward Friday, all communication between the islands and between ships and shore ceasing as a result of the censorship imposed by the navy department and the taking over of wireless plants by the government.

The company hit the hardest is the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company which finds it now necessary almost to completely reorganize its scheme of administration. Hitherto the existence of wireless communication between all islands has permitted this company to direct the operation of its ships from its central office in Honolulu and its routine system had gradually accommodated itself to this plan.

Now the company finds itself unable to communicate with its vessels at all. It is unable to direct the movements of the vessels; to obtain report from them; to prepare for their arrival here in advance, to notify consignees, or to tell what cargo the vessels have picked up or where they were loaded. By the same token the sugar industry, or as much of it as is concerned with the movements of the product is a serious inconvenience.

There was hope expressed yesterday that the conditions, proving so serious, the censorship between islands would be alleviated to permit this class of business being handled by the Mutual Telephone Company, which operates local wireless stations.

Deep sea shipping is as badly affected but perhaps not with the same serious results. Castle & Cooke which has the largest shipping agency dealing in Coast business learned yesterday that it would be unable to get any communications from its vessels at all. The other agencies learned the same soon afterwards.

Hereafter the time of the arrival of any ship from San Francisco will be learned when she is sighted from the Diamond Head lookout station and not before.

The time of arrival is not the only thing that Honolulu will not be able to get. The agencies will be able to receive neither the tonnage nor the number of passengers on board each steamer, the postoffice will not be able to get the number of sacks of mail coming in and the hotels will not be able to get any information on the amount of reservations required.

These items of wireless correspondence have been large ones in the past, and in addition one agency has had the custom of receiving from the ships from San Francisco the complete amount of freight arriving for each consignee, notifying the consignee so that he could make the necessary arrangements for hauling from the wharves and for storage. This is now a matter of guess work and where certain work on the waterfront has previously been handled with remarkable expedition, considerable delays will now be experienced.

The first three vessels from San Francisco to be affected by this system are the Sonoma, Siberia Maru and Maui.

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## COLD CAUSE HEADACHES

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# COMMISSION AIRMEN HAVE TO SUPERVISE DEADLY DAY FOOD SUPPLY ON WESTERN NOW PLANNED BATTLE FRONT

If Formed, the Commission Will Be Under Direction of Herbert Hoover, Who Carried On Splendid Relief Work in Belgium

## WHEAT QUOTED AT HIGHEST RECORD PRICE

Government Forecasts of Winter Sowings Show a Probable Yield One-fifth Below Average Based On Early April Conditions

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 8.—Profiting by the experiences of the other countries at war, the United States is going to take steps in time to conserve the food supply of the nation in order that there may be no inequality of distribution and no want and, at the same time, that there will be a surplus with which to meet the requirements in part of the Entente Powers.

At an administration council held yesterday afternoon it was decided to draw up the plans for the establishment of a food commission, to be maintained under the direction of Herbert C. Hoover, who for the past two years has been in charge of the distribution of relief supplies in Belgium and Northern France for the American Commission for Belgian Relief.

Attention was sharply drawn yesterday to the necessity of some means whereby the food supply of the nation may be conserved through the publication of the wheat crop forecast of the department of agriculture.

A prospective and probable slump of 50,000,000 bushels of winter wheat, as compared with the crop of 1915, was forecast, the figure being based on the individual reports of agents of the government throughout the wheat-producing States and in the big milling and marketing centers.

With this slump, the post-war feeding problem confronts the country. The department of agriculture forecasts a winter wheat crop of 430,000,000 bushels, based on the conditions of early April. This is only 83.4 per cent of the normal crop. The rice crop forecast is 80,000,000 bushels, the largest on record.

Reports from Chicago, the wheat buying center of the United States, announce that as a result of the government forecast the price of wheat made a series of sensational jumps, wheat for May delivery being quoted at \$2.12 1/2 a bushel, the highest figure on record.

## INSURANCE COMPANY WANTS COUNTY TO PAY

Big Island Supervisors Get Bill Through Accidental Death

HILO, April 6.—Acting for the London Guarantee and Accident Company and for Theo. H. Davies & Co. its agents, Ex-Judge C. F. Parsons has filed a claim against the County of Hawaii with the board of supervisors for \$4100 to cover the award of the industrial accident board at Honolulu for the death of Kanihi Puji, who fell to his death from the elevator over the Laupahoehoe Gulch here, on January 23 last.

Fuji, who was a salesman for the Murakami Shoten, Honolulu, was visiting this island on business and while walking from one store to another the evening of January 23 he fell into the bed of the gulch and died the same night. He left a widow and five children, and the award granted amounted to over \$2000, which with expenses and an additional award pending makes up the sum which the accident company now claims from the County of Hawaii.

The company bases its claim on the fact that there were no lights showing the culvert and road, and there were no fences or guards to prevent accidents there. The claimants assert that the supervisors of the county knew of a dangerous spot this was as three other accidents had happened at that spot, yet no effort was made to safeguard the culvert.

The claim was referred to the office of the county attorney.

## DETHRONE KAISER; THEN TALK PEACE

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) PETROGRAD, April 7.—Minister of Justice Kerensky, in the new cabinet, today issued a statement saying that if the Germans will follow the example of Russia and dethrone their emperor, "we will offer a possibility of preliminary negotiations for peace."

## RELIEF SHIP SHOWN NO MERCY BY HUNS

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Belgian relief steamer Anna Postenes has been sunk by a submarine, with a cargo of grain worth \$350,000.

Four Score Machines Go Down While British Drop Tons of Bombs On German Munition Depots in Series of Raids

## ENTENTE REGAIN THE SUPREMACY OF THE AIR

Haig, Battering Towards St. Quentin, Makes More Headway and Occupies Fresh Positions Closer to the Main Objective

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) NEW YORK, April 8.—Yesterday the Allies demonstrated that they have once again secured the control of the air over the Germans on the western front, although this was not secured without one of the greatest and most costly aerial battles of the war to date. In the various engagements a total of eighty-five aircraft of various kinds, including observation balloons, were lost, if the claims from Berlin and the Entente capitals are all correct.

The British carried out a series of raids against the German munition depots, bombarding the Teuton establishments at seventeen different places, dropping in all eight tons of bombs.

SPYING OUT THE LAND. During these raids the British aviators sailed far and wide over the territory held by the Germans, engaging the Teuton fliers, as they came to dispute their passage and photographing the terrain. During the day seventeen hundred photographs and reports were made.

The air losses on both sides were heavy. According to the claims made in Berlin, the Allies lost a total of forty-four aeroplanes during the day, while the British announced that forty-five German machines and balloons were downed. The German figures show thirty-three aeroplanes destroyed and eleven brought to earth and captured.

BRITISH STILL ADVANCE. The efforts of General Haig to outflank the German positions at St. Quentin were continued yesterday, the fighting being severe. The British heavy artillery cleared the way for a further advance and during the day the British troops seized and occupied the town of St. Pir, where a number of the German defenders were made prisoners, and advanced to the outskirts of Fresnoy le Petit, four miles northwest of St. Quentin.

On the French front south of St. Quentin there was a heavy bombardment yesterday, without decisive result.

## NEW MATSON LINER FINALLY DEPARTS ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

The new Matson liner Maui which has just been turned over to the Matson Navigation Company by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco left San Francisco yesterday on her maiden voyage to Honolulu. She carries a heavy cargo and a large number of passengers, probably the largest number that will reach Honolulu in a single vessel for some time to come.

According to cable messages to Castle & Cooke, her agents, yesterday, the vessel has 7457 tons of cargo for Honolulu and 1017 tons for Hilo, a total of 8474 tons, which is less than her capacity.

There is considerable gloom both in the office of the agents and in that of the promotion committee over the fact that if the wireless censorship stays on, as it has every prospect of doing, there will be no way of communicating with the liner regarding the harbor reception to be accorded her here.

Plans are going on apace to receive the vessel off port with the customary rites which have always been extended here to a new boat coming on the local run. Many of the plans are such that the exact time of the vessel's arrival is most important to permit them being successfully carried out.

## SCHOONER'S CREW HAD DAYS OF SUFFERING

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable) LONDON, April 7.—The Danish schooner Esthede of 231 tons has been sunk. The men, taking to the boats, were exposed for five days, part of the time to a snowstorm, and when rescued were unable to walk.